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**For: NOVEL PROTEINS AND NOVEL GENES ENCODING THE SAME**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. Copies of the listed references were previously submitted to the USPTO in prior application serial no. 10/220,862, filed August 20, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) are not submitted herewith.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached PTO/SB/08 be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on PTO/SB/08. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation

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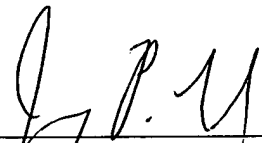
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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